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ENQUIRED of, and ANSWERED unto,

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CHURCH-WARDENS

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SWORN MEN,

I N T H E

ORDINARY VISITATION

O F T H E

Right Reverend Father in GOD,

P H I L I P,

LORD BISHOP of NORWICH.

1777.

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Of whom may be had,

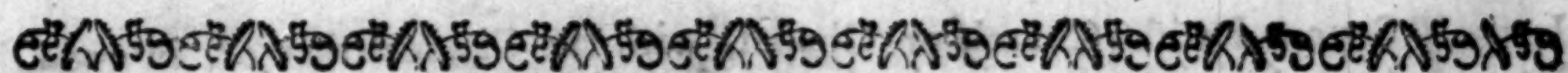
Parchment for Terriers; Register Books for Banns and Marriages; also
Bibles and Common Prayer Books for Churches.



The OATH to be administered to a CHURCH-
WARDEN at the VISITATION is as follows.

YOU Swear that you will truly and faithfully execute the Office of Churchwarden within your Parish for the Year ensuing, according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge.

So help you GOD.



The OATH to the SIDESMEN.

YOU Swear that you will be Assistant to the Churchwardens of your Parish, in the execution of their Office, as far as by Law you are bound.

So help you GOD.

ARTICLES of ENQUIRY, &c.

IN THE

Diocese of *NORWICH*.

T I T. I.

Concerning Churches or Chapels, with the Glebes, Tithes, Houses, Books, Ornaments, and other Goods and Revenues belonging thereunto.

I. *Can. 85.* **I**S your Parish Church or Chapel, with the Chancel thereof, in good and sufficient Repair, in the Roof and Windows, Floor and Seats, and are all Things therein kept in orderly and decent Sort? Is your Tower and Steeple in good Repair, and the Bells, Clock and Chimes, kept in good Order? *yes*

II. Hath any part of your Church, Chancel or Steeple, been demolished or fallen down? what part, or how long since? Or hath any of the Lead, Timber, Bells, Plate or other Church Goods, been embezzled or sold, and by whom? *no*

III. *Can. 81. 82.* Is there a Font of Stone in your Church or Chapel, with a Cover to it, standing in the ancient usual Place? Is there a Communion Table in your Chancel, covered in time of divine Service with a decent Carpet; and, when the Communion is administered, with a fair Linen Cloth? *yes* And have you a Basen for the Alms, a Patin Plate for the Bread; a Chalice or Communion Cup with a Cover, and one or more Flagons? *yes* Have any of these Things been prophaned by common Use? *no*

IV. *Can. 80. 82. 83.* Have you a convenient Seat or Pew wherein to read divine Service, a Pulpit with a decent Cloth or Cushion, a large Bible, a Book of Common Prayer, a printed Table of the Degrees wherein Marriages are prohibited, a decent Surplice duly washed at the Charge of the Parish, and a Hood suitable to your Minister's Degree? *yes*

V. *Can. 70.* Have you a Parchment Book for the Registering the Day and Year of every Christening, Wedding, and Burial, in your Parish, and is it kept in a strong Chest or Coffer, with three Locks and Keys, and in all Points ac-

Can. 85.

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Can. 45

according to the Canons in that Behalf; and a Book for the Churchwardens Accounts? *yes*

VI. Have you a Chest or Boxes in which the Alms of the Parishioners are to be gathered and received; a large Chest for the Books, Ornaments, and Writings, belonging to the Church; a Bier, with a black Herse-Cloth for Burials? *no Have none*

VII. Is your Church-yard well fenced and decently kept? *yes*

Can. 85. VIII. Is the Dwelling-House of your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, with the Barn, and all the Out-houses, in good Repair; have any of them been lessened, defaced, or pulled down, without Licence? Hath any Waste been made of the Timber on the Glebe? When, and by whom? *we have none*

Can. 87. IX. Have you a true and perfect Terrier of all the Glebe-Lands, Meadows, Gardens, Orchards, and Houses belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage? As also a Note of such Pensions, Rate-Tythes, and Portions of Tythes, or other yearly Profits (either within or without your Parish) as belong thereunto? Have any Encroachments been made upon the same, or have any of them been withheld from your Minister, and by whom, as you know, or have heard? Have any of the antient Glebe Lands belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage been alienated by Sale or Exchange, without Licence from the Ordinary, and free Consent of the Patron and Incumbent? By whom or how long since was such Exchange or Alienation made? Is your Parsonage or Vicarage damnified thereby? *we have none*

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Cant. arch. X. Have you a Terrier of all such Church Lands, Town Lands, and Houses, setting forth their Quantity, yearly Value, Abuttals, and present Occupiers? Have you a Note of all the Plate, Ornaments, Books and Goods, belonging to the Church? Have you true Copies of such Terriers and Notes to be filed up in the Bishop's Registry? *we have no Terrier*

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c. 24. XI. Have you a Parochial Library in your Church or Parish? and under whose Management is the same? *no*

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T I T. II.

Concerning MINISTERS.

I. **I**S your Minister constantly resident among you, and doth he preach every Lord's-Day, unless hindered by Sicknes, or reasonable Absence? *yes*
Is he usually absent from his Cure? *no*

Can. 45. II. Hath your Minister any Curate to assist him, or is your Benefice a bare Curacy? Is such Curate an able, discreet, and sober Person, conformable to the Laws and Orders of the Church of England? Is he licensed by the Ordinary? And doth that Curate serve any other, and what Cure? *yes Do not know*
St Peters & Spokenhall

III. Hath

Can. 47. 48. III. Hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, any other Ecclesiastical Benefice, or doth he serve any other Cure besides, and at what Distance?

Can. 21. 22. 62. IV. Doth he celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper so often, that every Parishioner may receive it thrice at least in every Year? *yes*

Rubrick before the Communion. V. Doth your Minister duly instruct the Youth of your Parish in the Church Catechism, and doth he prepare and present them, being so instructed, to be confirmed by the Bishop? *yes*

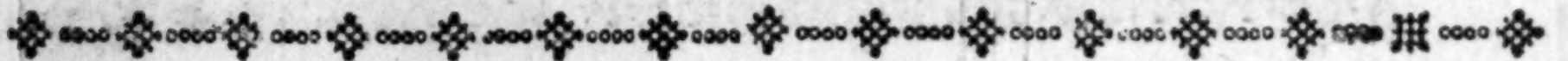
Can. 59. Rubrick before Confirmation. VI. Doth he refuse or neglect to visit the Sick, or delay the Baptism of any Infant in danger of Death? Is there any Child past Infancy, or other Persons grown up, who, through your Minister's Default, yet remain unbaptized in your Parish? *no*

Can. 61. 69. Can. 62. 63. VII. Hath he married any Persons without Banns first published in the Church on three Sundays, unless he had a Licence so to do? Hath he married any Person in private Houses, or such as being under Age have not the Consent of their Parents or Guardians, or at any other Hours than between Eight and Twelve in the Morning; or at any Hour that Persons are prohibited to marry, according to the Table of Marriages? *no not as I know*

Can. 64. VIII. Doth your Minister declare to the People every Sunday the several Holy Days and Fasting Days in the Week following, and doth he observe them? *he do*

Can. 74. 75. IX. Is he a Man of a sober, peaceable, and exemplary Life? Is he grave, modest, and regular in his outward Demeanour and Apparel? Doth he use any Trade, Gaming, Farming, or Merchandizing, for filthy Lucre's sake? Is he in any Kind disorderly and scandalous? *no*

X. Doth your Minister, with the Churchwardens and chief Men of the Parish, make a Perambulation upon some of the Rogation Days to view the Limits and Bounds of the Parish, and to desire God's Blessing on the Fruits of the Earth? How long since was the last Perambulation. *3 years*



T I T. III.

Concerning PARISHIONERS.

Can. 109. I. Is there any Person in your Parish, who lieth under a common Fame or Suspicion of Adultery, Fornication, or Incest? *no*

Can. 18. II. Do any demean themselves irreverently in your Church or Chapel during divine Service, so far as you have observed? *no*

III. Are

III. Are there any in your Parish, who, under Pretence of Liberty of Conscience, wholly neglect all public Worship of God, neither going to Church, nor to any Assembly that meet together, according to the late Act for exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of England from the Penalties of certain Laws? Have you any such Assembly of Dissenters in your Parish? *no*

Can. 11. IV. Have you any Popish Recusants in your Parish, Men, Women, or Children, above the Age of Thirteen Years; if so, what are their Names? *none*

Can. 99. V. Do you know, or have you heard of any in your Parish, who having the Presentation of an Ecclesiastical Living, hath made any Simoniackal Compact or Gain thereby, either in Money, or by Reserve of any part of the Tythes or Glebe belonging to the Benefice, or by any other corrupt Method? *none*

VI. Hath any Gallery, Pew, Seat, or large Monument, been erected, or pulled down, in your Church or Chapel, without leave from the Ordinary? Is there any Strife or Contention about Seats in the Church? Are there any Seats of an extraordinary or indecent Heighth, so as to hide the reverend Behaviour of those that sit in them from the rest of the Congregation, or to hinder their Neighbours in hearing divine Service? *none*

5 & 6 Ed. VII. Is there any Person that hath fought, quarrelled, or brawled, in your Church or Church-yard? *no*

W. C. 4. VIII. Have you any in your Parish that be denounced Excommunicate? How long have they been so? *no*

21 Hen. IX. Are there any Wills or Testaments of any Persons dead within your Parish, concealed, suppressed, and not yet proved? Hath any Person administered or intermeddled with the Goods of any Persons dying intestate within your Parish, before Administration granted to him by the Ordinary, so far as you know or can learn? *not that I know of*



T I T. IV.

Concerning PARISH CLERKS and SEXTONS.

I. **H**AVE you a Parish Clerk aged Twenty-one Years at least? Is he of an honest Life and Conversation, able to perform his Duty in Reading, Writing, and Singing? Is he chosen by your Minister and obedient to him? Doth he duly attend him in all divine Services in the Church? *yes*

II. Doth

II. Doth he, or your Sexton, keep the Church, and the Ornaments belonging to the same, clean and decent, and toll or ring the Bells before divine Service, and perform all other Parts of their Duty diligently and faithfully? *yes*



T I T. V.

Concerning Ecclesiastical OFFICERS.

I. **H**ATH any Ecclesiastical Judge or Officer within this Diocese, any Advocate, Register, Proctor, Clerk, or Apparitor, any way offended in their Office or Services, contrary to the Canons and Laws Ecclesiastical; and in what Manner, so far as you know? *no*



T I T. VI.

Concerning School Masters, Schools, and Hospitals.

Can. 77.
78. 79.

I. **W**HAT School-master, public or private, is there in your Parish? Is he licensed by the Bishop? Doth he teach his Scholars the Church Catechism? Doth he cause them to repair orderly to the Church or Chapel on Sundays and Holidays, and there see that they behave themselves quietly, and reverently, during the time of divine Service and Sermon? *We have one and licensed so far as I know*



T I T. VII.

Concerning CHURCH-WARDENS.

Can. 89.
Ibid.

I. **A**RE the Churchwardens of your Parish yearly and duly chosen?
II. **A** Have the former and last Churchwardens given up a just Account of the Money they have received and laid out for the Use of the Church; and have they delivered up the Money remaining in their Hands to the succeeding Churchwardens, together with all other Things belonging to your Church or Chapel? *yes*

It

IT is expected that the Minister and Church Wardens of every Parish, take great care in making, renewing, and giving in (fairly ingrossed) upon Parchment, Terriers with new Abuttals of all and singular the Glebe Lands, Messuages, Tenements, Portion of Tythes, and other Rights and Emoluments whatsoever, of and belonging to their respective Parishes.

It is further required, that they annex a true Account of all Houses, Lands, Sums of Money, &c. given by any last Will and Testament, or otherwise, to the Reparation of their Church, Maintenance of the Poor, or other pious or charitable Uses within their Parishes, with the Abuttals, Quantity, yearly Value, and present Occupiers of the same.

They are also to give in, in Writing, a true, plain, and perfect Note of all the Bells, Books, Ornaments, Goods and Utensils whatsoever, belonging to their several Churches and Chapels.

At the Bottom, or on the Back, of the Bills indented of Births, Marriages, and Burials, they are to set down the Number of all the Persons of both Sexes, within their respective Parishes, above the Age of sixteen Years, how many of them are Popish Recusants, and how many Protestant Dissenters, and of what Persuasion. In the Bills when the Parties married or buried, or the Parents of Children christened, are not Parishioners, they are to put down the Places of the Habitation of such Parties and Parents. In the Burials they are to distinguish Men and Women from Children, and married Women from Widows; and in the Marriages, to certify whether the Parties were married by Banns or Licence; and these Bills to be continued from the Day they were last exhibited, unto the Day of the Visitation.

For the better Direction of the Church Wardens, it is thought proper herewith to give a Specimen of the Terriers and Accounts now expected of them.

A true Terrier of all the Glebe Lands, Messuages, Tenements, Portions of Tythes, and other Rights, belonging to the Rectory and Parish Church of *A* in the County of *N.* and Diocese of Norwich, and now in the Use and Possession of Mr. *B. C.* Rector there, or his Tenants, taken, made, and renewed according to the old Evidences and Knowledge of the ancient Inhabitants, this
Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord Christ,

1777, and exhibited in the ordinary Visitation of the Right Rev. Father in God PHILIP, Lord Bishop of Norwich, holden at

First, **T**HE Site of the Rectory (specifying the Quantity, Houses, Barns, and other Buildings thereon, Orchards, Gardens, &c. belonging thereunto, with their respective Situations)

Also, One inclosed Piece of Pasture, containing ——— (and so go on to enumerate the several Pieces of Glebe, describing them particularly by their several Names and present Abuttals every way.)

Also, There is within the said Parish, a little Manor belonging to the Rectory, to which several Free and Copy-Tenants owe Suit and Service; specifying the Names of the present Tenants, with their several Rents and Tenures.

Also, The said Rectory and Church of *A* is possessed of the following Pensions and Portions of Tythes out of the Parish.

1. A Pension of 6s. 8d. yearly, due to the Rectory of *D*.
2. The Tythes of ——— in the Common Fields of the Parish of *C*.

Also, All Tythes within the Parish of *A*. are paid to the Rector or his Tenant in their proper Kinds, and there are no Customs in the Parish, but only 2d. for every Cow instead of Tythe Milk. (or the like.)

If it be a Vicarage, after describing the Houses and Glebes as before.

Also, There is yearly paid to the Vicar the Sum of ——— pounds, and ——— Comb of Wheat, at the Feast of the Annunciation, by the Impropiator, or his Tenant.

Also, All the great Tythes arising out of ——— now in the Occupation of *N. O.* belong to the Vicar, as also do the Tythes of Wool, Lambs, Calves, Wood, Turnips, and all other Tythes and Ecclesiastical Duties throughout the whole Parish, except the Tythes of Corn and ———

The Glebe Tythes and Profits of the Rectory (or Vicarage) of *A*. are worth at the improved Value, one Year with another, about ——— Pounds a Year.

At the Bottom, or on the Back of the Terrier of the Rectory or Vicarage, Lands, &c. thus drawn up, go on to describe the other Church and Town Lands and Houses in this or the like Manner.

Houses, Lands, &c. belonging to the Parish Church of *A.* the Rent whereof are yearly received by the Churchwardens, and expended about the Repairs or Ornaments of it, and other Charges belonging to their Office, that is to say,

First, One House with the Homestall, containing about three Acres, abutting, &c. now in the Occupation of *C. D.* at the yearly Rent of five Pounds.

Also, One Piece of Meadow, containing four Acres, abutting, &c. now in the Occupation of *E. F.* at the yearly Rent of three Pounds.

There are also belonging to the said Parish,

1. Three small Cottages situate near the Church, inhabited at present by *J. N. M. R.* and *A. P.* poor Widows.

2. Two Acres of Land in — Furlong, abutting, &c. in the Occupation of *G. D.* at the yearly Rent of 20s.

3. In Money the Sum of — Pound, as a Parish Stock, now in the Hands of *L. M.* upon Mortgage.

The Use of which Money, and the Rents of the last mentioned Lands, are applied by the Churchwardens and Overseers to the Relief of the Poor, and defraying other Parish Charges.

In the said Town of *A.* is also a Free School, founded by *F. G.* late of *L.* Merchant, about the Year —, endowed with a Dwelling House, and 20l. a Year Stipend to the Master, which Stipend is a Rent Charge, issued out of the Manor of *G.* in the County of — There is also to the said Town an Hospital, founded and endowed by the Lady *W.* about the Year — for six poor Men and six poor Women, who have each a convenient Apartment, a blue Gown every Year, and 1s. a Week, who are thus maintained out of certain Lands lying in *G.* and *H.* in this County, in the Hands of *A. B. C. D. E. F.* and other Feoffees in Trust.

In Testimony of the Truth of the above (or within) mentioned Particulars, we the Minister, Churchwardens, and chief Inhabitants, have set our Hands, the Day and Year above written.

<i>G. H.</i>	} Chief Inhabitants	<i>A. B.</i>	} RECTOR.
<i>J. K.</i>		<i>C. D.</i>	
<i>L. M.</i>		<i>E. F.</i>	

Then follows on Account of the Goods, Books, Ornaments and Utensils belonging to the Church.

To the Churchwardens of the Parish of *Rumburgh*
in the County of *Suffolk* and Diocese of
Norwich, and to each and either of them.

BY Virtue of a Proceſs under Seal to you herewith ſhewn,
you and each of you are cited and admoniſhed to appear
before the Right Reverend Father in GOD, *PHILIP*,
LORD BISHOP of *NORWICH*, or his Chancellor, or any
other competent Judge in this Behalf, in the *Parish*
Church of *Yoxford* in the County and
Diocese aforeſaid, upon *Thursday the 22^d* Day of
May in the Year of our Lord Chriſt, 1777, now
running, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the
Forenoon of the ſame Day, duly to attend and undergo the
ordinary Viſitation of the ſaid Lord Biſhop, then and there
to be holden: And particularly by Virtue of your Oath
taken at your Entrance upon the Office of Churchwarden,
to make diligent Enquiry upon the ſeveral Articles within
mentioned, and true Preſentment to make of all ſuch Things
and Crimes, as have been done and committed by any Per-
ſon or Perſons within the ſaid Pariſh, againſt his Maſtey's
Eccleſiaſtical Laws, and not already preſented or proceeded
upon: And alſo to bring in and exhibit a Bill indented, or
true Copy of your Register Book, containing the Names
and Surnames of all and ſingular ſuch Perſons as have been
chriſtened, married, or buried, within, or from, your ſaid Pa-
riſh, from the time ſuch Copy of your Register was laſt ex-
hibited, till the abovementioned Day of your Appearance:
And alſo to bring in and exhibit a true, full, plain, and par-
ticular, Terrier, fairly engroſſed in Parchment, with *new*
Abuttals, of all and ſingular the Glebe Lands, Meſſuages
and Tenements; and alſo a full and particular Note, or Ac-
count of all and ſingular Stocks of Money, Goods, Utenſils,
Implements, Ornaments, Legacies, Portions of Tythes, and
other Rights, belonging to your ſaid Pariſh Church, or any
charitable or pious Uſe, within the ſaid Pariſh, ſubſcribed by
the Miniſter, yourſelves, and ſome of the chief Inhabitants.
And further to do and receive, as the Nature and Quality of
the ſaid Viſitation ſhall require, and as to Law and Juſtice
ſhall appertain.

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